



Biometrics Exploitation Science and Technology (BEST) Broad Agency Announcement (BAA)

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WHAT TYPE OF INSTRUMENT SHOULD BE PROPOSED?

Here are the BEST BAA possible Funding Instruments:

- Procurement Contract
- Cooperative Agreement
- Other Transaction Agreement

NOTE: Grants will not be considered in connection with the BEST BAA.



FUNDING INSTRUMENTS

Procurement Contracts

- *What is being funded? Goods and services acquired for the direct benefit of the Government*
- Buyer/Seller Relationship
- Includes SOW/Work Statement to govern effort
- Allows profit or fee
- Requires compliance with Government regulations, e.g. FAR, DFAR, AFAR
- Government receives rights to intellectual property



FUNDING INSTRUMENTS

Cooperative Agreement

- *What is being funded? The carrying out of a public purpose of support and stimulation of fundamental research and development projects*
- Guidance found in DODGARs
- More flexibility with agreement terms and conditions
- No profit or fee permitted
- Government receives rights to intellectual property

FUNDING INSTRUMENTS

Cooperative Agreement (continued)

- *Recipient performs proposed research effort with substantial Government involvement*
- The Government/Recipient relationship is essentially a partnership
- A Program Plan is jointly developed that describes the research milestones and budget
- Research is performed collaboratively and could result in joint papers and inventions



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Other Transaction Agreement - *Technology Investment Agreement*

- ***What is being funded? Basic, Applied or Advanced Research efforts by for-profit firms, particularly those firms that have not done business with the Government***
- **Flexibility can be given in areas like cost accounting and intellectual property rights**
- **50/50 cost share**
- **Only authorized when standard instruments are not feasible or appropriate**